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EPES CFU and Ophthalmic applications Support

Business Services Organisation I T S

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.hscbusiness.hscni.net

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

EPES CFU and Ophthalmic applications Support

Reference number

DAC10853

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £915,186.27

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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BSO ITS wish to enter into a 1 year Contract with the option to extend for a further 2 x one year extensions. This will allow BSO ITS to engage in a tender for a new product and have the option of terminating the support for the applications in line with the rollout of the new product. The breakdown of £915,186.27 is as follows:

Yr 1 £305,062.09 1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023

Yr 2 £305,062.09 1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024

Yr3 £305,062.09 (Optional Extension) 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025

The procurement of a replacement system is likely to begin in 2023 with a proposed implementation date of quarter four in the Financial Year of 2024. The one year optional extension from 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025 has been included for any delays to the new system but should not be required.

This DAC is to allow support to be provided until system can be replaced. This support cannot be provided by another supplier as DXC have the exclusive rights to the software.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

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IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

DAC10853

Title

EPES CFU and Ophthalmic applications Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

DXC Technology

41 Arthur Street

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Companies House

07073335

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £915,186.27

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Business Services Organisation

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom